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Re: U.S. Patent Application
For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A
CERAMIC SUBSTRATE AND A
CERAMIC SUBSTRATE
Your Ref: E/pa 17.532
Our File: A-5720

Dear Dr. Graf:

We received your initial letter of request, dated January 28, 1997 and on an expedited basis secured an English translation of the German priority document and followed up same by filing a new U.S. patent application embracing the subject matter thereof.

Our application included a detailed revision of the translation taking the form of a substitute specification and a redrafting of the claims to more particularly claim the invention and allow same to be in a condition for examination by the U.S. Patent Office.

We enclose a Declaration to be signed by the two inventors along with an Assignment document also to be signed by the inventors transferring ownership from the inventors to Curamik Electronics GmbH. We are under the assumption that Curamik Electronics GmbH is a large entity within the language of U.S.

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practice. That is they have 500 or more employees. If such is not the case, please let us know immediately and we can prepare a Verified Statement claiming small entity status and look to secure small entity treatment for the application at the U.S. Patent Office.

We also enclosing our charges for handling this matter which include the time for preparation of the translation, substitute specification and Preliminary Amendment along with the large entity filing fees and surcharges.

We await your timely input so that we can properly protect your client's interests.

Kindest regards,

Stewart L. Gitler

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Enclosures